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SUBJ: NEW ROMANIAN DEMARCHE ON ARREST OF ALEXANDRU PETRASCU

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1. I WAS CALLED TO MFA AT 12:00 NOON TODAY BY DUMITRU MIHAIL, DIRECTOR OF THIRD (POLITICAL) DIRECTORATE OF MFA, FOR NEW ROMANIAN DEMARCHE ON PETRASCU CASE. MIHAIL STRESSED THAT DEMARCHE NOW BEING MADE BY HIM RATHER THAN CONSULAR DIRECTORATE HEAD GHEORGHE BADESCU IN ORDER TO RAISE ROMANIAN REPRESENTATIONS TO "POLITICAL LEVEL."

2. MIHAIL CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF PETRASCU AND PERMISSION FOR HIM TO DEPART US FORTHWITH. HE CALLED SITUATION "INTOLERABLE"; HE STRESSED PETRASCU'S "INNOCENCE"; AND HE ASSERTED THAT CASE THREATENED TO DISTURB GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND ROMANIA. HE ASKED THAT RESPONSE BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND HE SAID THAT GOR DEMARCHE WAS BEING PUT FORWARD WITH "ALL FIRMNESS." AT ONE POINT, MIHAIL ALSO ASSERTED THAT CASE HAD BEEN TRUMPED UP BY "AMERICAN POLICE" AND DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN ALLEGED ATTITUDES OF LATTER AND DEPARTMENT.

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3. I PROMISED TO TRANSMIT NEW GOR DEMARCHE, MAKING APPROPRIATE BUT BRIEF REMARKS THAT USG DID NOT WISH INJURY TO OVERALL RELATIONS BUT THAT JUDICIAL PROCESSES HAD TO UNFOLD IN PROPER CONSTITUTIONAL MANNER IN US JUST AS THEY WOULD IN ROMANIA AND THAT PRECISE NATURE OF CASE AND EVIDENCE AGAINST PETRASCU WERE NOT KNOWN TO ME.

4. IN VIEW OF NUMBER OF GOR DEMARCHES NOW MADE TO ME ON THIS SUBJECT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF I COULD BE INSTRUCTED AT PROPER TIME TO MAKE RESPONSE HERE EVEN THOUGH DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO MAKE ITS PRINCIPAL RESPONSE TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
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